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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (c) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/090 283
Filing Date	March 4, 2002
First Named Inventor	Wolf
Group Art Unit	3679
Examiner Name	Flemming
Attorney Docket Number	DVC-10-5598

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (a) (PTO/SB/02) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provided in the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practices, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14065 (Mar. 28, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) intended to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration (s) under Rule 132
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

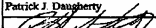
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The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 500645
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2000 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature  Date April 21, 2004

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PLEASE DELIVER TO EXAMINER FLEMMING SAETHERDocket No. DYC-10-5598Applicant(s): Theodore L. Wolf

Serial No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Group Art Unit
<u>10/090.283</u>	<u>March 4, 2002</u>	<u>Flemming Saether</u>	<u>3679</u>

Invention: **METHOD AND STRUCTURE FOR LOCKING NUT WITH DEFORMABLE MEMBER**

I hereby certify that a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal form, Declaration of Theodore R. Wolf and Request for Extension of Time are being transmitted via facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office

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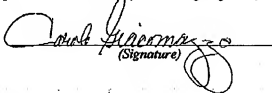
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- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 500645 in the total amount of \$440.00 to cover the fee (\$55.00) for a one month extension of time to respond to the office action and the RCE fee (\$385.00).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the extension and RCE fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500645.

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